



# THE BURN SHEET

## August Continuing Ed...

CE for August will be in Crawford at 7 pm at the Crawford Fire Station presented by Chris Martin and Rick Steckel. Topic is on care and handling of violent patients as outlined by Chris – read on...

“Violence” and “EMS” should be an oxymoron, never being used together. Unfortunately they are used in the same sentence more and more. Hence, a growing concern for all EMS workers is how to protect themselves when dealing with violent or potentially violent patients. As EMS workers we put forth much effort in providing the best care possible for our patients, shouldn't we be providing the best care for ourselves as well?

With ABCs being equally important, NOW, before the incident, is the time to prepare and practice. Here are some exam-

ples of the topics we will discuss: \*How to roll over a prone patient that, potentially, could be violent. \*Discussing how and when to use restraints safely, quickly, and properly. \*Is there a recommended way to start an IV and to check blood pressures? \*Can we identify people and circumstances in advance that are more likely to produce violent behavior? \*We will also talk a little about some basic self-defense ideas.

We need to remember that whenever we are within arms reach of a patient we are potentially at risk. Discussing these ideas in advance will reduce the chance of injury to yourself and your patient, as well helping to prevent legal liability. Best of all, it will allow us to return home safely after the call.

Hope to see you there!

### Wedding Bells...

and everyone's invited!! Bryan & Sarah will be getting hitched on Saturday, August 11 at 7 pm at the home of Pastor Gaylen Kinser, 303 Minnesota Avenue, Paonia. Attire is casual Hawaiian and a dessert reception will follow the ceremony.

### Call Review

Next call review is scheduled for Thursday, August 16, 7 pm at the NEW Hotchkiss Fire Station. Please plan to attend and meet Dr. Pruett.

## Trauma follow up at St Mary's

When you have a trauma patient that ends up at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction either by air or ground, Leslie Williams, St. Mary's Trauma Coordinator will be able to update the NFAA Crew members on the condition of your patient if you give her a call at 244-7683.

Leslie has been very helpful to us by sponsoring the Sarah-Saurus at all the community events as well continuing education last month. Give here a big “thank you” from the North Fork when you do speak with her!

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# EVENTS

Board Meeting, Thursday, August 2, 7:00 pm, Crawford Fire Station

Continuing Education, Monday, August 13, 7 pm, Crawford Fire Station

Call Review, Thursday, August 16, 7 pm, Hotchkiss Fire Station with Dr. Pruett

Colorado State EMS Conference, November 9-11, Keystone, CO

**Congratulations to  
Bryan & Sarah  
8-11-2007** 

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## *2-year Reviews*

Persons scheduled for review for March are:

**Gaylen Kinser & Marc Terrien**

If you are not able to make the board meeting, please make arrangements to be present at the next board meeting that meets your schedule.



### **Delta County Fair**

The NFAA will be at the Fairgrounds in Hotchkiss on Saturday, August 11 after the parade handing out balloons to the kids as well as taking blood pressure readings for the grownups. Please call Pam at 234-3475 if you're able to help for an hour.

## **NEW NFAA ATTIRE AVAILABLE**

Call Rhonda Kinser at 527-3476 if you need more or new t-shirts/jackets/hats.

## **EQUIPMENT FAILURE...AND WHAT TO DO...**

If we don't know what is broken, we can't fix it. PLEASE BE RESPONSIBLE and report equipment that needs repair immediately! Call your local board member, or Richard Kinser at 234-3476. The plug on the back of the AED in 3158 in Hotchkiss got broken sometime during the week of July 15 but wasn't reported until July 22. Please don't leave your fellow EMT's hanging.